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SUBJECT CANADIAN ACQUISITION OF ST.PIERRE-MIQUELON:
PRESS REACTION

ONLY LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO CP WIRE SERVICE REPORTAGE
FROM OTTAWA ON MOTION OF NEWFOUNDLAND MP JACK MARSHALL
TO TABLE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRANCE
ABOUT OFFSHORE RIGHTS FOR ST.PIERRE-MIQUELON WAS IN
"DAILY NEWS" COLUMN BY ALBERT PERLIN WHO WRITES UNDER
NON DE PLUME "WAYFARER". PERLIN, WHO IS DOYEN OF
LOCAL JOURNALISTS, EXPRESSED HIGH REGARD FOR MARSHALL'S
USUAL GOOD SENSE BUT INDICATED MYSTIFICATION ON SOME
ASPECTS OF HIS SPEECH TO THE COMMONS ON ST.PIERRE-
MIQUELON. NOTING THAT MARSHALL KNEW VERY WELL THAT
GOC WOULD NOT AGREE TO TABLING THE DOCUMENTS, PERLIN
POINTED OUT THAT THIS GAVE THE MP AN OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPOUND ON HIS OWN POINTS OF VIEW ON THE SUBJECT.
TO MARSHALL'S SUGGESTION THAT CANADA ACQUIRE SOVEREIGNTY
OVER THE FRENCH ISLANDS, PERLIN STATED:

"...THERE IS NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT
CORRECTING THINGS IN THE LIGHT OF HINDSIGHT.
IT SURPRISES ME THAT A MAN OF JACK MARSHALL S
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GOOD SENSE SHOULD NOW TALK SO FACILEY OF OUR

RIGHT OR ABILITY TO REVERSE THE COURSE OF
HISTORY."

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